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ICC approves RR improvements on Town Line Rd. near South Pekin

The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved plans for a rail improvement project involving the installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates at the Town Line Road highway-rail grade crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's track located near the Village of South Pekin, Tazewell County.

The project also requires Tazewell County to reconstruct the east highway approach to the west crossing to meet Commission requirements.

The total estimated cost for the installation of automatic flashing light signals and gates is \$301,374. The Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) will be used to pay 95 percent of the installation costs, not to exceed \$286,305. The Union Pacific Railroad Company will pay all remaining installation costs, as well as all future operating and maintenance costs. The cost to reconstruct and maintain the highway approach grades to meet the requirements of 92 Illinois Administrative Code 1535.204, estimated to be \$15,069, will be paid 100 percent by the County.

The project must be completed by July 26, 2007.

ABOUT THE GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND (GCPF)

Project selection and management of GCPF highway-rail safety projects include safety improvements such as the installation of new warning systems, highway approach improvements and the construction/reconstruction of grade separation structures. The Commission administers the GCPF, which is funded by motor fuel tax money designated for rail safety improvements.

The General Assembly appropriates \$27 million annually for GCPF projects.

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